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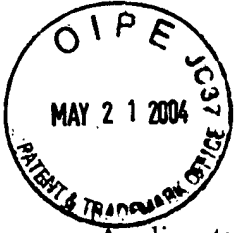
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Application Serial No.: 10/695,979

Filing Date: October 29, 2003

For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
EXPRESSIVE TEXT-TO-SPEECH**

) Group Art Unit: 2641
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) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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) **Request to Correct Inventorship Pursuant**
) **to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(1)**
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) **IBM Docket No.: YOR920030379US1**
) (Attorney Docket No.: I01.101)
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It has been brought to Applicants' attention that a fifth inventor was inadvertently omitted from the Declaration filed with the above-referenced patent application. This error was a clerical oversight and occurred without deceptive intent by either Applicants or the omitted inventor.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the record of Inventorship for the above-referenced patent application be corrected in accordance with the corrected Inventorship information provided below and in accordance with the documents submitted herewith, and that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued in due course.

The correct inventors for the above-referenced patent application are: (1) Raimo Bakis, (2) Andrew Aaron, (3) Ellen M. Eide, (4) Thiruvilwamalai V. Raman, and (5) Wael Hamza.

Please find attached, in addition to this Request to Correct Inventorship pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(1), the following items: (1) a signed statement from the inventor to be added, the statement confirming that the omission occurred without deceptive intent on the part of the inventor to be added, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(2); (2) a newly executed Declaration signed by the actual inventors, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(3); (3) an authorization to charge deposit account no. 50-0510, for the processing fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i), in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(4); and (4) a statement of written consent from the assignee of record, International Business Machines Corporation (accompanied by a copy of the previously submitted Assignment conferring rights to said assignee, for which no confirmation of recorded reel and frame number has yet been received, and the associated return receipt postcard confirming receipt of the Assignment by the United States Patent and Trademark Office), in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(5).

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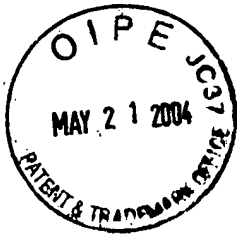
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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR EXPRESSIVE TEXT-TO-SPEECH

the specification of which (check one)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or '365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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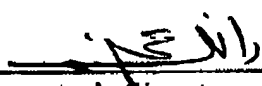
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Statement of Added Inventor

Wael Hamza

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(2)

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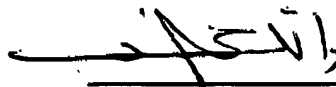
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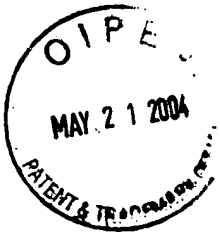
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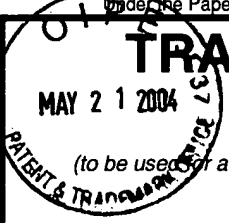


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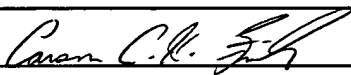
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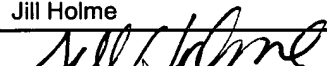
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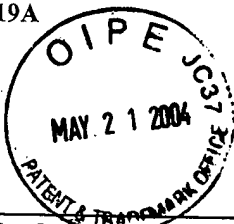
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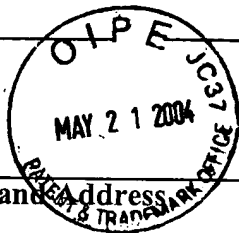
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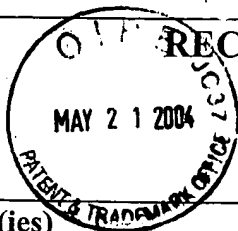
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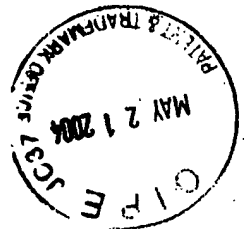
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